

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter.

1-14. (canceled)

Please add the following new claims.

15. (new) A case for an electronic device, comprising:

protective material that maintains said electronic device within said case, said electronic device having user controls and control circuitry; and

a controlling interface, said controlling interface having exterior user controls disposed on said protective material that are structurally adapted for manipulation by a user of said electronic device, said electronic device maintained within said case being controllable by said exterior user controls, said exterior user controls being separate and distinct from said user controls and control circuitry.

16. (new) A case according to claim 15, wherein said electronic device is operable separate and apart from said case.

17. (new) A case according to claim 15, wherein said electronic device is one of an audio device, a video device, a pager, a telephone, a camera, an electronic planner, and a computer processor.

18. (new) A case according to claim 15, wherein said electronic device is enclosed within said case.

19. (new) A case according to claim 15, wherein said user manipulates said exterior user controls to operate said electronic device contained within said case.

20. (new) A case according to claim 15, wherein said exterior user controls produce command signals that operate functions that are not operated by the user controls and control circuitry.

21. (new) A case according to claim 15, further comprising:

a pocket portion for accepting said electronic device, said electronic device being received within said pocket portion.

22. (new) A case according to claim 15, further comprising:

a connection port attached to said case, said connection port receiving said electronic device or being inserted into said electronic device, signals being transferred between said electronic device and said controlling interface by way of said connection port.

23. (new) A case according to claim 15, further comprising:

at least one audio speaker, enclosed within a compartment of said case, that receives audio signals from said controlling interface.

24. (new) A case according to claim 15, wherein said controlling interface is used as an upgraded set of controls.

25. (new) A case according to claim 24, wherein said controlling interface produces command signals that operate functions that are not operated by the user controls and control circuitry.

26. (new) A case according to claim 15, wherein an electrical jack is integrally provided in said case.

27. (new) A case according to claim 26, wherein said electrical jack comprises an audio output to accommodate a cord and plug connected to a speaker.

28. (new) A case according to claim 26, wherein said electrical jack comprises a modem output.

29. (new) A case according to claim 26, wherein said electrical jack comprises an electrical input by which power is provided to operate said electronic device.

30. (new) A case according to claim 26, wherein said electrical jack comprises an electrical input through which power is provided to store a charge for said electronic device.

31. (new) A case according to claim 15, wherein electrical communication is between said controlling interface and said electronic device.

32. (new) A case according to claim 31, wherein said electrical communication is wireless communication.

33. (new) A method comprising:

maintaining an electronic device within a case, said electronic device having user controls and control circuitry;

disposing exterior user controls of a controlling interface on said case; and

using said exterior user controls to control said electronic device maintained within said case,

wherein said exterior user controls are structurally adapted for manipulation by a user of said electronic device, and

wherein said exterior user controls are separate and distinct from said user controls and control circuitry.

34. (new) A method according to claim 33, wherein said electronic device is operable separate and apart from said case.

35. (new) A method according to claim 33, wherein said electronic device is one of an audio device, a video device, a pager, a telephone, a camera, an electronic planner, and a computer processor.

36. (new) A method according to claim 33, wherein within the step of using said exterior user controls:

said user manipulates said exterior user controls to operate said electronic device contained within said case.

37. (new) A method according to claim 33, wherein said exterior user controls produce command signals that operate functions that are not operated by the user controls and control circuitry.

38. (new) A method according to claim 33, further comprising the step of:

using said controlling as an upgraded set of controls.

39. (new) A method according to claim 38, wherein said controlling interface produces command signals that operate functions that are not operated by the user controls and control circuitry.